

Case Officer: Andrew Lewis

Recommendation: Approval

Applicant: Cat Vince

Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 (bat mitigation strategy) of 16/02446/F

Expiry Date: 26 November 2020

Extension of Time: 27 November 2020

1. APPLICATION SITE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1. Full planning permission was granted earlier this year on a parcel of land at the west end of Camp Road for 296 dwellings (and associated infrastructure) of which. 89 of the dwellings will be affordable (30%). Vehicular access is from Camp Road with secondary access to Izzard Road. Pedestrian and cycle links are proposed to Kirtlington Road and the existing settlement.
- 1.2. The application site forms part of an allocated site for a new settlement in the Local Plan. The site is also allocated within the emerging Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan. The site forms part of the RAF Upper Heyford Conservation Area and lies adjacent to the Rousham Conservation Area.
- 1.3. The development will constitute Phase 9 of the development now known as Heyford Park. Work has yet to formally commence

2. CONDITIONS PROPOSED TO BE DISCHARGED

- 2.1. Condition no4 of the permission stated:

No development shall take place, including any demolition and any works of site clearance, until a mitigation strategy for bats, which shall include timing of works, and the location, design and timing of any alternative roosts to be provided, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the mitigation works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

- 2.2. A report was submitted by 4 Acre Ecology Limited entitled: Phase 9, Heyford Park – Preliminary Bat Emergence Surveys 2019

3. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

- 3.1. The following planning history is considered relevant to the current proposal

07/02350/CAC Demolition of existing structures as part of lasting arrangement of Heyford Park -Allowed at appeal

08/00716/OUT- OUTLINE application for new settlement of 1075 dwellings, together with associated works and facilities including employment uses, community uses, school, playing fields and other physical and social infrastructure- Allowed at appeal

10/01642/OUT-Outline - Proposed new settlement of 1075 dwellings including the retention and change of use of 267 existing military dwellings to residential use Class C3 and the change of use of other specified buildings, together with

associated works and facilities, including employment uses, a school, playing fields and other physical and social infrastructure- Approved

10/01619/CAC Demolition of existing structures (as per Conservation Area Consent Schedule and Drawing No. D.0291 38-1)-Approved

18/00825/HYBRID

Demolition of buildings and structures as listed ; Outline planning permission for up to 1,175 new dwellings; 60 close care dwellings; 929 m2 of retail; 670 m2 comprising a new medical centre; 35,175 m2 of new employment buildings, (comprising up to 6,330 m2 Class B1a, 13,635 m2 B1b/c, 9,250 m2 Class B2, and 5,960 m2 B8); 2.4 ha site for a new school; 925 m2 of community use buildings; and 515 m2 of indoor sports, if provided on-site ; 30m in height observation tower with zip-wire with ancillary visitor facilities; energy facility/infrastructure with a stack height of up to 24m; additional education facilities (buildings and associated external infrastructure) at Buildings 73, 74 and 583 for education use; creation of areas of Open Space, Sports Facilities, Public Park and other green infrastructure; Change of Use of buildings and areas: 20.3ha of hardstanding for car processing; and 76.6ha for filming activities ; the continuation of use of areas, buildings and structures already benefiting from previous planning permissions, associated infrastructure works including surface water attenuation provision and upgrading Chilgrove Drive and the junction with Camp Road-Approved subject to securing s106 agreement

4. RESPONSE TO PUBLICITY

4.1 The final date for comments was **11 November 2020**, although comments received after this date and before finalising this report have also been taken into account.

4.2 The Council's Ecologist advises that:

- The surveys carried out are sufficient and the recommendations with regard to mitigation are all sound. I would be happy for condition 4 to be discharged on the basis of this document for this Phase

5. APPRAISAL

5.1. The original application was EIA development. Therefore, the EIA is considered sufficient for the purpose of considering the information provided for this condition and it has been taken into account in considering this subsequent application.

5.2. The condition requires a bat mitigation survey which has been submitted, and reviewed by the Council's ecologist who regards it as satisfactory, therefore it is recommended this condition be discharged.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That Planning condition 4 (bat mitigation strategy) of 16/02446/F be discharged based upon the following

- A report by 4 Acre Ecology Limited entitled: Phase 9, Heyford Park – Preliminary Bat Emergence Surveys 2019

Case Officer: Andrew Lewis

DATE: 25 November 2020

Checked By: Caroline Ford

DATE: 27 November 2020
